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Minutes 03/08/2005

VISION 2020 ENVIRONMENT TASK GROUP - SPY POND COMMITTEE MARCH 8, 2005 MEETING Town Hall Annex, First Floor

In attendance: Bill Eykamp, Joey Glushko, Deborah Goldsmith, Jane Howard, Elizabeth Karpati, Steve Ricci, Stroker Rogovin, Dick Terry.

Facilitator: Steve Ricci Minutes: Elizabeth Karpati

Next meetings: 7:30 p.m. Tuesdays, April 12, May 10, June 7.

Town Hall Annex, First Floor Conference

Room.

Warrant Article for Weed Control:

- The Finance Committee approved it. The RFP is about to go out, indicating the project is dependent on funding (by Town Meeting).
- \cdot The Con Com says last year's extension of the permit covers this year.

Fertilizer Flyers:

Dave Kopans drafted it but not everybody he sent it to could read it. Bill will try to send out a simplified copy for review.

The spring Neighborhood Newsletter, with which the flyer is usually

distributed in the Pleasant St. area, has already gone out this year, so we need to distribute about 750 more copies than usual. We could

ask high school students or the newsletter distributors for help; also the Friends of Spy Pond Park. Bill Terry signed up some distributors at this meeting.

Rt. 2 project plans:

The Con Com has approved the project; and the Open Space Committee gave its blessing. The access permit from MassHighway

should come through soon. The release form is ready, on Arlington legal department letterhead. Publicity: The Bike Committee put the event in its newsletter and on its Mass. website.

It will be mentioned in Sustainable Arlington's list of Earth-Day-related events for the Advocate. We also made the deadline for the next AMC newsletter. Participants: The Boy Scout leaders have been contacted. Deborah is contacting the Girl Scouts. The Boys & Girls Club could supply a few participants, since

its membership goes up to age 18. The DPW will try to cover the cost of one or more porta-johns. We should try to settle all financial questions at the April 2 meeting.

Other matters:

· Suggestions for increasing membership: Use the volunteers list from the census survey; make a list of accomplishments from the

last four years as a recruiting tool. Belmont High School is interested in having its crew practice on Spy Pond.